



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: TOKUL CREEK HATCHERY DIVERSION DAM AND FISHWAY REPLACEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project will construct a replacement fishway to provide fish passage over the water diversion dam; will remodel and complete maintenance upgrades to the surface water intake to integrate the existing intake with the fishway and upgrade the intake screening and screen cleaning to meet current fish protection criteria; and will replace the water diversion dam that sustained additional damage during the December 2008 flood. The remodeled intake will be screened to protect juvenile salmon outmigrants. A mechanical building and retaining wall will be rebuilt in association with the intake facility.

The use of the site will not change from the current use; water diversion for Tokul Creek Hatchery. The dam is currently not passable to upstream migrating fish as the associated fish ladder was damaged in a 1990 high water event. The project construction site is approximately 0.4 acres.

The project design calls for significantly larger diversion dam footing; the proposed surface area is a 150% increase (2.5 times the size) over the original footing. The larger design is a result of at least three studies^{1, 2, 3} analyzing the role the structure plays in the overall hydrology especially with regard to sediment transport. The proposed footing is also located approximately eight feet downstream and four feet lower (from 154' to 150' elevation) to address the sub-structure erosion that has undermined the existing diversion dam footing.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Tokul Creek Hatchery: 37501 SE Fall City-Snoqualmie Road, Fall City, WA 98024, Washington, King County; Section 19, Township 24 North, Range 08 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are

invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **January 22, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: January 4, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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